

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE SPECIAL TRUST FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,580.38 FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING EDUCATION AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AT THE FORT WORTH NATURE CENTER AND REFUGE, MAKING THIS ORDINANCE CUMULATIVE OF PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

That in addition to those amounts allocated to the various City departments for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 in the Budget of the City Manager, there shall also be increased estimated receipts and appropriations in the Island Special Trust Fund in the amount of \$105,580.38 from available funds for the purpose of funding educational and recreational programs at the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge.

SECTION 2.

That should any portion, section or part of a section of this ordinance be declared invalid, inoperative or void for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision, opinion or judgment shall in no way impair the remaining portions, sections, or parts of sections of this ordinance, which said remaining provisions shall be and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3.

That this ordinance shall be cumulative of Ordinance No. 16582 and all other ordinances and appropriations amending the same except in those instances where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with such other ordinances and appropriations, in which instance said conflicting provisions of said prior ordinances and appropriations are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 4.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Christo R. Lopez  
Assistant City Attorney

ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE: March 21, 2006

*City of Fort Worth, Texas*  
**Mayor and Council Communication**

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**COUNCIL ACTION: Approved on 3/21/2006 - Ordinance No. 16859-03-2006**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, March 21, 2006

**LOG NAME:** 80FE72 FUND

**REFERENCE NO.:** G-15126

**SUBJECT:**

Approve Acceptance of Gift from the Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance for the Purpose of Funding Educational and Recreational Programs at the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve acceptance of gift from the Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center; and
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Special Trust Fund by \$105,580.38 from available funds, for the purpose of funding educational and recreational programs at the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge, a division of the Parks and Community Services Department, provides educational and recreational programming for the general public. Program fees are deposited in the Greer Island Special Trust Fund to provide for the salaries of instructors, part-time and seasonal help to conduct these programs and for operating expenses associated with these programs. The Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge accumulates revenue from program fees and periodically appropriates funds to reconcile expenses and project coming year program needs.

Expenditures include salaries for class instructors, materials for classes, portable toilets for special classes and the Camp Paddle and Cast program (an outdoor program for at-risk youth).

In addition to program fees, the Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center have gifted \$10,000 for the purpose of providing seasonal staffing to extend park hours and programming opportunities. Expanded hours answer a need outlined in the Strategic Master Plan for the Nature Center adopted in 2003.

This program serves all COUNCIL DISTRICTS and the Nature Center is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 7.

**FISCAL INFORMATION/CERTIFICATION:**

The Finance Director certifies that upon adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, of the Special Trust Fund. The Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge is responsible for the collection and deposit of these funds.

**TO Fund/Account/Centers**

FE72 488100 080502107010                      \$105,580.38

**FROM Fund/Account/Centers**

FE72 512010 080502107010                      \$48,000.00

FE72 511010 080502107010                      \$20,000.38

FE72 522030 080502107010

\$32,000.00

FE72 539120 080502107010

\$5,580.00

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